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## HISTORICAL NOTES.

RHETT.—The following corrections and additions are offered to the Rhett genealogy published in the January and April issues of this magazine :

Sarah Rhett (9), dau. of William (3), was born Nov. 28, 1725, not Oct. 19, 1722. (See St. Philip's Parish register, p. 4.)

Mary Jane Rhett (10) was born January 13th, not 21st, 1729. (Ibid, 8.)

William Moore (13) was born Oct. 12, 1723, not 1721. (Ibid, 3.)

Roger Smith (35) died Monday evening, July 29th, not 30th, 1805, in the 60th year of his age. (*Charleston Courier*, Aug. 2, 1805.) He and Mary Rutledge were married April 7, 1768, not April 17, 1762. (*The South-Carolina Gazette*, April 11, 1768.)

Benjamin Smith (40) and Sarah Dry were married Nov. 19th, not 25th, 1777.

John Harleston (46), son of Edward Harleston and Mary Moore (15), married about May 1, 1777, Elizabeth Lynch. (*The Gazette of the State of South-Carolina*, May 5, 1777; Vol. III. of this magazine, p. 172.)

Mrs. Sarah Smith (38) Bee died June 1, 1784, not April 10, 1799. (See *South-Carolina Gazette and Public Advertiser*, June 2, 1784.)

Hugh Rutledge and Ann Smith (44), not Sarah (38), had besides Sarah (105) a dau. who *d. unm.*

The three last children of Hon. R. B. Rhett (119), Herbert (256), Ann Eliza Constance (257) and Catherine Ethelind (258) were by his second wife, Catherine Ann Herbert Dent.

Theodore Dehon Grimké (301) did not change his name to Drayton, nor did his children (Nos. 696 to 700). John

Drayton Grimké, not John Dwight, was the name of his youngest son (700).

Prof. F. A. Porcher and Caroline Smith Parker (393) had issue, Mary Rutledge, who *d.* in 1892 and Caroline Parker, who *d.* in childhood.

Louis deSaussure Simonds and Mary Rhett (464) Simonds have a fourth child, Caroline Barnwell.

Robert E. Roman (570) died March 20, 1903, at 2 o'clock P. M.

Ambrose E. Gonzales (883), not Ambrosio José, did not marry Miss Shiver, nor did William Elliott Gonzales marry "Cecil Childs". The former is not married; the latter married Sarah Cecilia Shiver. Harriet Rutledge Gonzales (887) is younger than William Elliott (888).

Cleland Kinloch Huger (928) was not a son of Cleland Kinloch Huger by Susan Elizabeth Alston (400), but by his first wife, Mary Dunkin.

Julia Drayton (694) and Ellen Drayton (695), not Julia and Ellen Grimké, married respectively, William S. Hastie and E. R. Memminger. Their father's name was not changed after the marriage of his daughters, as that record would indicate, but his father had it changed for him while he was a student in Germany and before his marriage.

The following is the inscription on Col. William Rhett's tombstone, St. Philip's church-yard (western), just under the arms :

In hopes of a joyfull Resurrection  
Here rests the body of  
Colo William Rhett  
Late of this Parish,  
Principall Officer of his Majesties Customs  
in this Province:  
He was a Person that on all occasions promoted  
the Publick good of this Colony, and severall  
times generously and successfully ventured his  
Life in defense of the same  
He was a kind Husband,  
A tender Father,  
A faithful Friend,

A charitable Neighbour,  
 A Religious constant worshipping of God  
 He was born in London  
 4<sup>th</sup> Sept 1666,  
 Arrived and settled this Country  
 19<sup>th</sup> Novembr 1694.  
 And dyed suddenly but not unprepared  
 12<sup>th</sup> Jan'y 1722,  
 In the fifty seventh year of his age.

“William Rhett of Berkley County in the Province of South Carolina Esq<sup>r</sup>”, in his will, made July 6, 1722, and proved “At a Council held at the Council Chamber in Charles City Jan<sup>y</sup> the 18,<sup>th</sup> 1722” by the “Oaths of George Lea, Thomas Wigg and Jane Kays Witnesses thereto”, mentions his son William; his “Eldest Daughter Sarah” and her husband “Mr Eleazar Allen”, of South Carolina, “Merchant”; his “Second Daughter Catherine” and her husband “Roger Moore”, of South Carolina, “Gentleman”; his “youngest daughter Mary Rhett”, to whom he gave “the Sum of Fifteen hundred Pounds current Money of South Carolina to be paid when She Shall come to the Age of Twenty One Years or day of Marriage which shall first happen”, his wife Sarah Rhett, whom he appointed executrix; his town lots in Charles Town; his “Plantation lying without the fortifications of Charles Town commonly called the point or Rhettisbury”; his “Mansion house” in which he then dwelled; his plantation in Berkeley County “called the Hagan”. (Probate Court Records, Charleston County, Book 1722-24, pp. 52 to 56.)

MARRIAGE NOTICES IN THE SOUTH-CAROLINA GAZETTE.—Messrs. Joel Munsell's Sons, publishers, of Albany, N. Y., have lately published a volume of *Marriage Notices in the South-Carolina Gazette and Its Successors*. (1732-1801.) This volume was compiled from the Charleston Library Society's files of *The South-Carolina Gazette* and its successors by the editor of this magazine, and is edited with many explanatory foot-notes; all changes in the management or name of the

paper are noted in passing, and there is a full index of forty-six pages at the back.

The following omissions of notices in the Charleston Library Society's files have been discovered since the publication of the volume :

On thursday the 2d inst. the hon *Benjamin Smith*, Esq; was married to miss *Mary Wragg*, one of the daughters of the hon. Joseph Wragg, Esq; deceased. (Saturday, October 11, 1760.)

Monday last arrived here, in the brig. Prince of Wales, from Philadelphia, Robert Raper and John Parker, Esqrs. Mr. John Neyle, and Mr. Isaac Lesesne, jun. The three first went thither for the recovery of their healths, and the last is returned married to Miss Hannah Noarth, daughter of captain George Noarth, of Philadelphia. (Monday, November 24, 1766.)

Lieut. Charles Clifford of the 1st regiment of this state, was married on Thursday last, to Miss Elizabeth Perry, Daughter of the late Josiah Perry, Esq." (Supplement to *The Gazette of the State of South-Carolina*, Monday, September 15, 1777.)

Married.] The 19th inst. at St. Helena. Mr. John Dedier, to Mrs. Margaret Cook, a very agreeable lady with a handsome fortune. (Friday, July 24, 1778.)

CHARLESTON'S FIRST CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.—The following newspaper extract will show when Charleston's first Chamber of Commerce was organized. The Charleston Chamber of Commerce organized in February, 1784, and still in existence, was perhaps only a resurrection of that early body :

"We learn that the Merchants of this Town have formed themselves into a Society, by the Name of the *Charles-Town Chamber of Commerce*. John Savage, Esq; is elected President, Miles Brewton, Esq; Vice-President, David Deas, Esq; Treasurer, and Mr. John Hopton, Secretary, of the said Society."—*The South-Carolina Gazette; And Country Journal*, Tuesday, December 28, 1773.

PROVIDING FOR THE COMMON DEFENSE IN 1808.—History is always busy repeating itself. Charleston Harbor is being strongly fortified at present by a chain of new forts (to which names of no historic significance are being given), but it is nothing new, as will be seen by the following newspaper extract :

"We feel a pleasure in announcing that our harbour will soon assume a posture of defence, as the erection of suitable works have already commenced on the sites of Forts Johnson, Pinckney and Mechanick."—*Charleston Courier*, March 28, 1808.